year 2004-05 an allocation or Rs. 5 crore has been made by the State Govt, in the Annual Plan.

Government of India has also supported the Gangotri Conservation project run by Himalayan Environment Trust. Financial assistance of Rs. 15 lakh and Rs. 6.3 lakh was provided to the trust in the year 1994 and 1997 respectively for various works at Gangotri.

Adherence to safe ship breaking norms

1828. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are guidelines of Supreme Court and International agencies on decontamination of ships particularly for radio-active material, prior to ship breaking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a French warship is permitted to be taken apart in an Indian yard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with number of such ships taken apart in India during the last three years and whether decontamination norms were followed in all the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders given in October 2003 in the matter of W.P. No. 657/95 on hazardous wastes management includes detailed directions for ship breaking. These cover diverse aspects such as roles and responsibilities of all concerned stake-holders including State and Central Government bodies and agencies, decontamination of ships prior to breaking, disposal of waste arising from such activities etc. With reference to radioactive material, the order states that a ship should have proper consent from the concerned authority or the State Maritime Board, stating that it does not contain any hazardous wastes or radio-active substances before it arrives at port, and that the AERB (Atomic Energy Regulatory Board) should be consulted in appropriate cases.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House.